

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application. Applicant appreciates allowance of claims 1-10 and 12-23. In the Office Action mailed November 3, 2006, claim 11 was rejected for allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,407,988 to Agraharam, et al. Applicant has canceled claim 11, rendering the Examiner's rejection of this claim moot.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. If for any reason Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (713) 934-4052 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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